

SUSTA VII. (LXXI.)

The deity and *Risṭi* are the same ; but the metre is

Trislitubk.

I . The contiguous fingers, loving the affectionate \arga xv. AGNI, as wives love their own husbands, please him

(with offered oblations), and honour him, who is entitled to honour, (with gesticulations), as the rays

of light (are assiduous in the service) of the dawn,

which is (at first,) dark, (then,) glimmering and

(finally,) radiant.

2. Our forefathers, the *AxaiEASAS*, by their

praises (of AG-NI), terrified the strong and daring

devourer, (PANI), by the sound. They made, for us,

a path to the vast heaven, and obtained accessible

day, the ensign of day,^a (*ADITYA*), and the cows

(that had been stolen).

3. They secured him, (AG-NI, in the sacrificial

chamber) ; they made his worship the source **of**

wealth ;^b whence opulent votaries preserve his fires,

and practise his rights. Free from all (other) desire,

assiduous in -his adoration, and sustaining gods

and men by their offerings^ they come 'into his

presence.⁰

the indicator or causer of day being known ; that is, according to the Scholiast, *Aditya*, the Sun.

¹¹ *A.ryah*) explained *&kan&si/& swaminak*. It does not appear
.why Eosen renders it *matrons*.

* This and the preceding stanza are corroborative of the share borne, by the *Angtrasas*, in the organization, if -- not in the origination, of the works of Eire*